Subject: Import 103
Posted by afire on Tue, 21 May 2013 15:42:30 GMT
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Model Name: Import 103
Type: Quadron
Period/Date: Circa 1929
Gender: Gents

Case Maker: Gruen-Weber Case Co.
Case Material: 14k Green and White Gold
Case Serial: 200332
Case Style no: N/A

Caliber: 119
Movement Maker: Gruen (Precision Workshop, Biel)
Movement Serial: 659382

Bracelet : Leather Strap

Other Info: Anybody who has a version of the Master Book has seen the utterly psychotic assortment of late 1920's and early 1930's import models. Over the years I've been lucky enough to snag quit a few of them. I've had several tanks, including hinged lugs, tri-tone hooded lugs, and several two-tone models, most of them a variation of the same crown guard style. But until recently I has never seen any of the barrel shaped imports. A couple of years ago I finally snagged one. It's the Import 103 with a Gruen-Weber case. Pictures don't really do it justice. As with many of these import models, the movement is "engraved in the old guild manner" which is commonly misidentified as an Anniversary movement. And the case is two tone, mainly green gold with alternating white steps on the lugs. Very subtle and very attractive. So without further ado, here it is.

Subject: Re: Gruen Import 103
Posted by JackW on Tue, 21 May 2013 16:50:25 GMT
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I think owning one of these would be the pinnacle of collecting. WOW! I'm hard pressed to think of something better.

Subject: Re: Import 103
Posted by Thojil on Tue, 21 May 2013 16:55:11 GMT
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afire wrote on Tue, 21 May 2013 17:42
Caliber: 117
Movement Maker: Gruen (Precision Workshop, Biel)
Movement Serial: 659382

Extremely nice. I discoved Gruen too late to find one of these at an affordable price. Hard to "snag" one these days.

By the way the image shows a cal. 119 and not 117.....

Subject: Re: Import 103
Posted by afire on Tue, 21 May 2013 19:43:29 GMT
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Right you are! I'll have to edit my post. I was going from memory on the caliber.
"Snag" was probably a poor choice of words on my part. I didn't get this one for a song. When I discovered the import Gruens about 10 years ago, they were already expensive. Another 10 years before that, I bet they could be had relatively cheaply, but not since I've been into them.

Subject: Re: Gruen Import 103
Posted by afire on Tue, 21 May 2013 19:47:31 GMT
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Jack - an Autowind Leader might be another pinnacle. There's one on its way to you as of this afternoon. Incidentally, I realized that this is in the wrong forum and reposted in the ID forum. Can you just delete this one? And thanks to Thojil, I also realized that I misremembered the caliber. But I can't edit my other post to correct my errors.

Subject: Re: Import 103
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 21 May 2013 20:02:46 GMT
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Quote:I'll have to edit my post.

Done, and also moved some stuff

Subject: Re: Import 103

Posted by cmoy on Tue, 28 May 2013 20:22:55 GMT
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That is BEAUTIFUL!!!!!

Subject: Re: Import 103
Posted by mikey on Tue, 28 May 2013 21:40:52 GMT
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Very very nice!